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Troops observed wore red-bordered black epauletts with tank, artillery, motor transport and signal insignia.

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Up to 10 T-34/35 tanks regularly practiced at the large drill ground. The turrets of some of the tanks were marked with large white balls. While driving, turrets and guns were moved and short bursts from machine guns were heard. After the 40-minute practices, the tanks used to drive up to a newly erected observation point, which was occupied by observers with binoculars. Subsequently, the tank crews were replaced from about 100 troops who were soon near the bridge. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation and the training area

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barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse (4501) during the period under review. Troops observed wore

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at about 8:30 a.m. on 15 March, track-laying vehicles and trucks went to the station for entraining. At about 11:30 a.m. on the same day, jeep on route to the freight station. 2

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Comment. [redacted] the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Mech Div from Borna until 30 January 1954. [redacted] the 405th Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div from Beeskow with its known audit officer, Gds Captain Gherov (Gnu), until December 1953.

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Comment. [redacted] train [redacted] went from Fuerstentide to Cottbus on 15 March. The units, which were entrained on this day and presumably belonged to the 7th Gds Mech Div, transferred to exercises which, prior to 21 March, extended from the Cottbus area as far as south of Fuerstentide.

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